

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

December 8, 2021 6:30pm

Sanford Conference Room – SCHEELS IcePlex

President Adam Gorra called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Adam Gorra (President), Lindsay Erickson (Treasurer), Dave Carlson (City League Director), Chad Dykstra (Member at Large), Derek Berg (Development Director), Mark Bukovich (Travel League Director) and Amanda Smith (Director of Tournaments). Quorum was present. Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) and Cherry Hunter (Executive Assistant) were also in attendance. Ed Davis (Secretary) was present for Closed Session. Sam Everson (Vice-President) was absent.

Open Forum – Board members discussed the presence of alcohol in the rinks during games and practices. An eblast will be sent to SFYHA members reminding them alcohol is not allowed in the rinks. Adam will discuss the concerns with IcePlex management.

Secretary's Report – Lindsay Erickson made a motion to approve the November 10, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurers Report – Lindsay Erickson – Lindsay presented Balance Sheet as of December 6. Lindsay reported SFYHA has instituted Positive Pay on our accounts after theft of checks. The system will stop any questionable transactions and the bank will need Treasurer approval to proceed with the transactions. Bankers suggested SFYHA utilize Positive Pay for at least 6-12 months to protect our account. The fee is \$40 per month. The Flyers credit card limit was increased from \$10K per month to \$25K. More tournaments are requiring online payment plus jersey and socks down payments are completed thru the card.

Director of Hockey – Dan Houck

- coached in ICL game when needed coaching help on bench
- adjusted a few players Tiers for Mite City League
- did evaluation and placement for Tier Placement for Mite Travel, by mid-December they will be complete
- helped lead Mini-Atoms w/ Riley and Bob
- continued to secure coaches for Atom Tier 3 -we are set now w/ enough
- created weekly schedule ADOH
- held HS Coaches curriculum meeting and Breakout content for 35-40 skaters in a practice
- attended Squirt 4v4 jamboree
- attended 4 PW home games, Lady Flyers and Boys V2 and JV2 games
- finalized schedule for Andy Gillham on Coaching Observations and Entry Meeting 12/8
- did all planning and organization for Monday Sq and PW Skills
- ran several Tier IV Mite Skates
- held parent meeting regarding discipline issues for Pw Blue 1
- met w/ two V2 parents/players
- attended Squirt home tourney
- working on setting up Penalty Club for HS Boys and Lady Flyers
- Gilham observation of coaches begins December 9

Admin Report – Cherry Hunter

- Dan & Sue MacRandall have agreed to donate funds for the cost of a second trophy case. Estimated cost is \$4400.
- JV, Varsity & Lady Flyers 14U Game Jerseys – The game jerseys are more fitted than prior jerseys. Working to get everyone fitted in comfortable jerseys. Some of the jerseys have stitching issues on the striping. Hockey Wolf is aware of the issues with stitching. An email will be sent to the families to check jersey stripes and if there are issues to contact Cherry for repair.
- SDAHA has requested our PeeWee team bring a raffle basket to Dave Stahl day in Huron on December 18. Cherry will create a raffle basket for the Dave Stahl fundraiser from SFYHA. The Dave Stahl Fund was established to assist players throughout South Dakota who need financial assistance for hockey fees.
- Atom Short Session registration deadline is December 20.
- New Hire Report for SD has been completed.
- Thanks to Chad for hanging the Senior banners.

Presidents Report – Adam Gorra

- Augustana Ice Facility – There will not be a second sheet at the Augustana facility. Drawings have been unveiled and the facility is incredible. Seating is planned for 3400 capacity. \$84 million is the goal with \$50 million committed. SFYHA has provided information about our program as requested. IcePlex is reviewing possible option for a 4th sheet to run perpendicular on the east end of the facility in addition to dedicated curling rink.

Agenda Items:

- Office/Storage/Dryland Space Plans – Adam Gorra presented updated plans for additions to the IcePlex. Board members suggested a 2nd floor for dryland and shooting range. The need for 2 rooms for trainers is not necessary.
- Puck Club / Game Day / Marketing – Derek Berg –
 - Drawing for prizes for the Puck Club will be held December 16 at Hockey Headquarters and a banner will be hung in the FM Rink. 255,000 shots were reported for the Puck Club!!
 - Game Day Committee – Would like to have a Varsity Booster Club to raise funds for bussing. Derek plans to meet with Penny Malwitz, High School League Manager and high school team coordinators. Goal is to involve families at every level and have the Club up and running next season.
 - Marketing Staff Member – Derek suggested a Marketing staff person to handle social media, radio promotion and broadcast, provide some announcements, involve new families and registration promotion. Salary??
- Tournament Updates – Amanda Smith – During the Squirt Tournament there were 30 Unclaimed Dibs or no shows. The Bantam Tournament schedule is done. During the Bantam Tournament the Stampede home game is providing discounted tickets with some funding back to SFYHA. Amanda noted we need training for Minor Officials. Cherry noted last season 56 families had their volunteer deposit checks cashed as they did not complete the required hours. Members suggested paying somebody to score and/or announce, especially during tournament games.
- Locker Room Monitor Policy – Board members reviewed the current SFYHA Locker Room Policy, USA Hockey Locker Room Policy, information from the USA Hockey Annual Guide regarding locker rooms and information on locker rooms from the USA Hockey Safe Sport Handbook. Changes to the SFYHA Locker Room Policy were approved as noted under

Locker Room Monitoring

~~We conduct a sweep of locker rooms and changing areas before player arrive and~~ *If the coaches are not inside the locker rooms, either a coach or voluntary locker room monitors (each of which has been Safe Sport trained and passed a background check) will be posted directly outside of the locker rooms and changing areas during periods of use, and leave the doors open only when adequate privacy is still possible, so that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room. Team personnel will also secure the locker room appropriately during times when the team is on the ice.*

The updated SFYHA Locker Policy will be sent to Coaches and Team Coordinators.

Between Meetings:

Hockey Day SD – January 15 – For the 5th Anniversary of Hockey Day SD, the Stampede requested permission for Stampede players to wear specialty Flyers jerseys on January 15. The jerseys will have the Flyers logo with circle design on the front of jerseys with state of SD as a patch on the shoulders. Permission to use our circle design and artwork files were provided to the Stampede. The game-worn jerseys will be available via a raffle or auction (TBD) for fans to win with proceeds going back to the Flyers. Nov 23, 2021

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Mission:

To Motivate, Inspire and Encourage Athletic Participation and Good Health through Ice Sports

Meeting adjourned 9:53pm

NEXT MEETING

January 12, 2022 6:30 pm
Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,
Cherry Hunter
SFYHA Executive Assistant

Adopted January 12, 2022 _____ by oral resolution at meeting / written correspondence
(Date) (Circle one)